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A dry year makes a short crop because the water which carries the plant food is not present. Water exists in the soil in two or three ways, but the one that interests us is the water in the soil. It is a common mistake to over-irrigate. The lecturer showed an experiment which brought out the fact that after the soil was thoroughly wet it could take in no more moisture, hence the necessity for carefulness in irrigation. The irrigation should be done promptly so that the water will run over the land as quickly as possible. Any other danger was where there was water in the soil and no drainage system. The alkali is collected down through the ground in layers and the action of the water causes it to dissolve and collect. He showed by means of an experiment how the alkali came to be gathered on the ground. These experiments showed two dangers in irrigation, the accumulation of a lot of surplus water in low places and the collection of alkali on the surface of the ground. If you have an alkali soil, put in a drainage system with an outlet. It is necessary to wash the alkali out. There is absolutely no need for putting more water on the ground than just sufficient to wet the soil. A good head of water is required to thoroughly irrigate the land where it is sandy. The practice of turning the water on to a pasture and letting it run for some time is a bad one. Water moves in the soil always towards the dry places and it goes some considerable distance in doing so. There is generally some moisture in the soil in the Spring, and as soon as it gets dry enough this moisture moves towards the top, hence the necessity for taking steps to prevent its evaporation into the air. He advocated the harrowing of Fall plowing in the Spring. This broke the crust on the top and prevented the moisture from getting out, thus reducing the necessity for irrigation. He also said that Spring plowing should be harrowed right behind the plow, so that the day's plowing should all be harrowed.

Breaking should be done during the months of April, May and June when the ground is moist and disk down each day's harrowing before finishing for the day. After breaking you need something to break up the packing and cultivating effect. The lecturer said the best way to try out a field was to irrigate it, and leave untouched afterwards. The water went down to the very ground and, incidentally, left it again for itself to get right up again.

Always harrow after rain. If it goes too deep harrowing leaves the top too tight. After irrigation the temperature of the soil was reduced very materially, and for this reason natural moisture should be used as much as possible. He mentioned that he had not advised the harrowing of growing grain in the Spring because where it had been tried it was found that the yield was less than on the ground where the crop was not harrowed. He recommended the harrowing of the ground before the grain was sown. Small rainfalls had not much value, as the moisture was not sufficient to penetrate far enough down. One heavy rainfall was of very great value because the water went right down.

Q.—If you had a heavy stubble, would you burn it or plow it in? A.—I would not burn it because it has a humus value, but would plow it in. Flowing water has a tendency to spread weed seeds, and the seeds being good and moist they are a good way for germinating. Never under any circumstances roll ground that has not a crop on it.

Q.—What effect has harrowing on grain six inches high? A.—Careful tests which we have made show that harrowing growing grain has cut the yield down. The matter of the preparation of the seed bed is a very important one. He said that one of the very best instruments for using in the preparation of the seed bed was a leveler made by 2400, or 2500, 16 feet long and 8 feet wide, with three or four rollers in the center piece being set on a bevel. Plenty of weight should be put on it to pulverize the soil and the cultivating effect was very good, and it also took the soil off the high places and filled up the lower parts. In preparing the land for anything permanent use the leveler several times. For alfalfa you cannot be too particular. A lot of leveling is time very well spent, and good leveling at the start is important because you do not want water to stand in the low places. Never use the leveler when the soil is wet. The leveling of the land is important so that you can spread the water easy.

Q.—What do you consider a good head of water? A.—14 cubic feet per second for 160 acres.

Q.—How many acres should 25 cubic feet per second irrigate in 24 hours? A.—From 3 to 3 acres per second. Their irrigation cost them about \$1.12 per acre, but of course, this would depend on local conditions. Early Spring cultivation of alkali lands is important to keep evaporation down as much as possible.

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A slight outbreak of fire, due to a defective stovepipe, took place at Jenkins' boarding house Tuesday forenoon, but was extinguished before any damage was done.

Mrs. Paul Harrison was very ill at the beginning of the week, but is now making a good recovery.

Among the numerous visitors here this week were:—Elmer Long, Mount Vernon, Wash.; T. R. Farnegy, Toronto; Ben Boston, Irtana; L. McKinnon, Langdon; Oscar Moorhouse; C. Watt, Medicine Hat; C. O. Mat, London; Eng; and Mrs. Barry, who are looking for a business location here.

Mr. Bert Huffman was in from Langdon on Thursday, also Mr. Hill of the same place.

A Progressive White Party will be held by the Ladies' Aid of the Church of England on Wednesday, 22nd inst., in Strathmore Hall. Refreshments will be served, and a hearty welcome is extended to all.

Look out for the Strathmore Grand Skating Carnival, Wednesday, 1st March. Particulars later.

It is rumored that a local blacksmith died (or, rather, yielded the nuptial knot in Calgary yesterday.

On Feb. 1st a young son arrived at Mrs. Alden Smith's.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Inderdal on Feb. 5th.

At Mr. J. Schultz, Chedale road, a daughter on 13th inst.

The friends of Mrs. A. G. Smith, will be pleased to know that she is recovering from a very serious illness.

Mr. Payne, Chedale, was severely injured in a gasoline accident on Thursday night.

Bassano beat Gleichen by 5-3 at hockey last night.

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At the opening of proceedings on Saturday afternoon, Mr. J. T. Worthington said that it had been so often mentioned as to how delighted ever one was with the past week, but he was sure that they would all agree with him when he said they owed a great debt of gratitude to the C. P. R., and he had great pleasure in asking Mr. E. S. Sy, Secretary of the United Farmers' School of Strathmore, to propose a vote of thanks to them.

In doing so, Mr. Sy said that when the President of their local Union asked him to propose the vote of thanks to the C. P. R., he rather hesitated for a moment, but when he remembered that for the past week he had been attending a school to learn judging, that 6 lunches had been served to him, that 1925 lunches had been served altogether, and that 2500 people had attended the School, and when he also considered that all the horses bringing people to the school had been fed, he thought the C. P. R. were entitled to their thanks. When it was further considered that at a meeting of the Farmers' Union held two weeks ago, the question of the turning of the water on the land in connection with the C. P. R. irrigation project, was brought up, and they were assured of effort being made to secure the best practical man that could be found to help them with their water and irrigation problems, he again felt favorable. There wasn't a doubt about it, Strathmore should be grateful to the C. P. R. for all these things, and also for having such a man as Professor Elliott at the head of the Demonstration Farm. He asked them, then, to give a very hearty vote of thanks to that great Corporation, the C. P. R. This was seconded by Mr. P. P. and heartily accorded.

Professor Elliott said he did not feel capable of thanking them on behalf of the C. P. R. However, he was sure the C. P. R. was as grateful to him as he was. The Company was very deeply interested in this part of the Province, and if they could do anything in reason for them, he was sure they would be pleased to do so. They were looking for the settlement of the country, and for the irrigation that would follow. They were a corporation that looked far ahead, but they did something at least for the benefit of the settlers. There was one thing that should not be overlooked, and that was that Strathmore Council had contributed \$50 towards the week's expenses, and he desired to express publicly his thanks to them.

Mr. Worthington said he desired to thank the attendance to the school in charge of the school, to the instructors, also to the judges in the judging competition. A vote of thanks was heartily given.

Mr. Craig in reply said that on behalf of himself and colleagues he thanked them very much for their appreciation. It was a great pleasure to have them to note the interest the people had taken in the lectures. For a great deal of the success of the School, they were indebted to Professor Elliott. Strathmore was fortunate in securing a man of the stamp of Professor Elliott to help them along.

Messrs. Wright, McIntyre, Lewis, and Atkinson expressed themselves in similar terms.

JUDGING COMPETITION

In announcing the result of the judging competition, Mr. Craig said that the papers read were very good indeed. They had only expected some 7 or 8 to take part in the competition, but they had 19, which was most gratifying. He then announced the results as follows, and asked the successful competitors to come forward and receive their certificates entitling them to go to Innisfail:—

M. L. Freng, Dem. Farm
J. W. Waddy, Strathmore
Wm. Hay, Dem. Farm
J. B. Worthington, Strathmore

Mr. Craig, in closing, said that he presumed this would be the last time he would address them, and he wanted to say that, as representing the Department of Agriculture, if that Department could be of any service to them they were not to be afraid to ask. In conclusion, he hoped the seeds that had been sown during the week would bear fruit very lavishly indeed.

CARD OF THANKS

Professor Elliott, superintendent of the Demonstration Farm, feels deeply grateful to all those who helped to make the School the great success it was. They had the encouraging thought that both the Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Craig had declared it to be the best School ever held in the Province, and that to arrange that an point of attendance and enthusiastic interest.



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FINCH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—

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Choir practice after prayer meeting.

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At p.m. each Sunday.

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A very interesting debate took place at the Alpha Literary on the advisability of establishing a consolidated school for Strathmore district.

Mr. H. J. Spicer took the affirmative, and Mr. F. Siene the negative. The debate was a very interesting one, and many important points were brought out.

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3 northern	45
4 northern	44
5 northern	43
6 northern	42
BARLEY	
No 3	47
No 4	46
No 5	45
No 6	44
No 7	43
No 8	42
OATS	
Over 28 lbs	34
Under 28 lbs	33
FLAX	
1 Manitoba	1.75
2 Manitoba	1.70
3 Manitoba	1.65
4 Manitoba	1.60
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